

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2021-026

PROCLAIMING FINE FORGIVENESS DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 4-10, 2021 FOR
LIBRARY PATRONS DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

WHEREAS, a library patron's account is blocked after \$10.00 in fines are accrued; once blocked, a patron may not check out any library materials, including ebooks, until fines are paid down; and

WHEREAS, fines create a barrier to accessing library materials and resources for patrons who cannot afford paying off their fines; and

WHEREAS, fines have been recognized as a form of social inequity by the American Library Association; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week, in an effort to attract more patrons to the library and educate them about our offerings; and

WHEREAS, libraries across the United States are trending toward eliminating fines for overdue materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council that we offer a one-time fine waiver to library patrons to be used during the week of April 4-10, 2021

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 16th day of March 2021.

ATTEST


City Clerk


Mayor

VOTE: Y POWNELL Y GRABAU Y NAKASIAN Y NESS
 Y PETERSON WHITE Y REISTER Y ZUCCOLOTTO